

CONCLUSION

This Amendment in RCE is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. New claims 8 and 9 have been added to further define the invention. Support for the new claims may be found on page 1 of the specification.

A Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 is being filed concurrently with the Request for Continued Examination. The Declaration shows the unexpected results of research by an inventor of the present invention. The unexpected or surprising results show that a very slight difference in carbon content in stainless steel positively affects hardness, seal functionality, and resistance that translates to the present invention.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

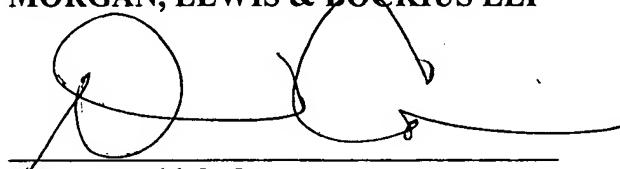
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EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 2.28, the Commission is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required,

including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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